

## SECOND BUDGET IS BEING PREPARED

DIRECTOR LORD READY TO USE THE PRUNING KNIFE FREELY IF IT IS NECESSARY.

### ESTIMATES NOT SO LIBERAL

Seven Agencies, Established by General Dawes, Are Co-ordinating the Routine Activities of the Federal Departments and Establishments.

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Washington.—The second federal budget is now in the course of preparation. Gen. Herbert M. Lord, the new director of the bureau of the budget, is already getting on his pruning knife. The estimates from the various branches of the government which must be ready for the inspection of the President of the United States by September 15 are coming in. While they show much improvement over the estimates of former years, they reveal a lingering disposition on the parts of the chiefs of bureaus to ask for exceedingly liberal appropriations. The estimates are not yet in such shape as would warrant the bureau of the budget in saying whether or not the budget for the next fiscal year will call for more money than was set aside for the operation of the government during the present fiscal year. If the total of the estimates should exceed the amount authorized for the present year, it will certainly be reduced.

The outstanding fact about the preparation of the second budget is that the federal government for the first time in its history is now transacting its routine business according to modern methods. Never before did it have a complete balance sheet, and it now has complete inventories of its properties, something which it never had before. But most important of all, there are now in existence and in working order agencies which are engaged in co-ordinating in all matters of routine business the activities of the separate departments and establishments. Charles G. Dawes, the first director of the budget, was obliged to prepare the first budget without the assistance of these agencies, which he established during his term of office.

#### Federal Purchasing Board.

At the head of the list of these new agencies is the federal purchasing board. This board is made up of a chief purchasing officer of each department or establishment, chief co-ordinator as chairman, chief co-ordinator has the authority limited by a right of appeal of any difference of opinion, to co-ordinating orders. He can and is preventing competition between the different departments in purchases, not only by preventing them from raising the prices of other, but where large quantities of standard commodities are purchased by ordering one department to purchase for itself and as for the others.

The federal liquidation board administers sales, under a unified plan, the surplus stocks of the various departments of the government, composed of one representative from each department, or establishment, having sales activity and is presided over by a chief co-ordinator.

The third agency in the new organization is what is known as the corps of area co-ordinators. This agency expands the principles involved in the federal purchasing board and federal liquidation board over the entire country. The country as a whole is divided into nine areas corresponding to the nine army corps areas and in each area an official has been selected by the President, by detail from the department, who is known as the co-ordinator for general supplies for the several executive departments in that area.

**Surveyor General of Real Estate.**  
Then there is the surveyor general of real estate who determines, subject to the approval of the secretary of the treasury, in what manner and to what extent real estate owned by the United States outside of the District of Columbia shall be occupied and used, etc. He has the power to assign and reassign rooms to all federal officials, clerks and employees throughout the country as his judgment and discretion may direct. Since this agency was established large sums of money have been saved by occupying space in government buildings that was going to waste instead of renting from private owners.

The fifth agency in the new scheme is the federal motor transport agent. The director of the budget found that civilian trucks were being employed to a large extent by some departments while other departments had motor trucks standing idle. The business of the federal motor transport agent is to see that motor trucks owned by the government are properly distributed.

The next agency is the federal traffic board which is designed to prevent overlapping of service and the duplication of effort in the traffic business of the government.

The seventh new agency is the federal board of hospitalization. The duty of this board is to consider all questions relative to the co-ordination of federal hospitalization.

Government statistics show that one section of the United States is about as healthful as another. The statistics are those dealing with

the expectation of life. Kansas folk have a slight advantage over the people of any other state. Every Kansan may expect to stay around until he is about sixty—59.73 for men and 60.89 for women, to be exact. Wisconsin is not far behind Kansas as a health resort, and Minnesota holds out an inviting hand.

Census experts say that if a record as a standard of comparison be desired, it may be found in the figures for females in the County of West Sussex, England, whose expectation of life, the highest ever published officially by any country, was 63.05 years in 1911-12.

Among the cities named in the computation Pittsburgh comes at the foot of the list with 47.16 years as the expectation of life for white males and 50.42 for white females.

As 51.55 is the number of years given as the average expectation of life for white males in the large cities, it is apparent that the census figures indicate that the span of life in New York city among white males is only 0.03 below the average for the large cities.

#### How the States Stand.

The expectation of life in years for white residents of various states is shown by the following table, according to the 1920 census:

Rank	State	Male	Female
1	Kansas	59.73	60.89
2	Wisconsin	58.77	60.79
3	Minnesota	58.54	60.68
4	Tennessee	58.49	60.42
5	Oregon	58.31	60.31
6	Washington	57.82	60.44
7	Kentucky	57.51	61.53
8	North Carolina	57.55	61.57
9	Indiana	56.84	57.46
10	Virginia	56.75	58.35
11	Missouri	56.74	58.36
12	Ohio	56.18	58.27
13	South Carolina	55.76	57.51
14	Utah	55.31	58.41
15	Michigan	55.07	58.94
16	Illinois	55.01	57.57
17	California	54.36	58.32
18	Massachusetts	54.00	58.54
19	Connecticut	53.94	58.76
20	New Jersey	53.77	58.47
21	Maryland	53.57	58.82
22	Pennsylvania	53.16	58.85
23	New York	52.74	58.55

The expectation of life at birth for white residents of large cities is shown by this table:

Rank	City	Male	Female
1	Washington	53.83	59.83
2	Los Angeles	53.55	57.51
3	St. Louis	52.46	56.14
4	Cleveland	52.44	56.35
5	Chicago	52.19	56.33
6	Philadelphia	52.08	56.83
7	Detroit	52.03	56.43
8	San Francisco	51.08	56.50
9	New York	51.53	56.72
10	Baltimore	51.11	56.24
11	Boston	50.55	56.32
12	Buffalo	49.53	52.96
13	New Orleans	49.39	54.01
14	Pittsburgh	47.16	50.42

The expectation of life for the aggregate in cities is 51.55 years for males and 55.25 for females.

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The movement which culminated in awarding the contracts for the memorial was started some twelve years ago by the Alexandria lodge No. 22, F. and A. M., which was lodge No. 39 in Washington's time. The Masonic order throughout the United States took a keen interest in the enterprise from the outset and within a short time the national association under whose auspices the memorial is to be built was formed. Contributions to the fund have literally poured in during the last two or three years.

**To Stand on Arlington Heights.**  
The memorial will stand on a hill on the northwestern outskirts of Alexandria and will command a view of a large section of territory which George Washington frequently traversed in passing back and forth between his home at Mt. Vernon and the old city of Georgetown and the City of Washington, which he founded. The hill on which the memorial will stand is known as Arlington Ridge. It is a continuation of a ridge on which Arlington cemetery rests.

The national association has purchased about fifteen acres of ground surrounding the crest of the hill and only a few days ago a contract for the laying out and beautification of the grounds was awarded. The memorial building itself will be approached by broad walks and stone steps ascending through seven successive terraces. The building will be 100 feet in width by 230 feet in depth. These dimensions do not include the steps, terraces and approaches which it will surmount. The memorial will be 200 feet high. In the center of the building there will be an atrium, 70 by 100 feet. In this memorial hall will be set an imposing statue of Washington. It will thus be seen that this Washington memorial in a general way is patterned after the Lincoln memorial here, which was dedicated last spring.

The memorial hall will be flanked by Ionic columns 40 feet wide and surrounding the hall will be a number of rooms for the use of the national memorial association.

The entrance to the building will not be unlike the entrance to the Lincoln memorial. It will take the form of a six-column portico.



### Scraps of Humor

MORE THAN ONE WAY

A gentleman with a sensitive and cultivated ear was annoyed by the persistent and wretched piano playing of a woman who occupied the adjoining flat. One day he met her in the hall with her four-year-old daughter.

"Your little girl plays quite well for a child of her age," he remarked in his most friendly manner. "I hear her practicing every day."

The offender made sure he was out when she opened the piano again.

#### Deserved Reward.

"What's going on here?"  
"A column conductor is being presented with a loving cup by his admiring constituents."

"What inspired such an unusual demonstration?"

"He has never imitated Pepsy's diary or written a parody on 'Mary's Little Lamb.'"

#### Hard to Discourage.

"Senator, there is a man outside who looks like a job hunter."

"Tell him to come back tomorrow."

"He says he hasn't eaten in two days."

"That won't keep him from coming back. He'll show up here if he has to be brought in on a stretcher."

#### The Modern Equivalent.

"A member of congress accused another statesman of indulging in 'lively stable talk.'"

"He's behind the times."

"He probably meant garage chatter."



### PERISH THE THOUGHT

The Dog Fancier: Yes'm, that's a blue ribbon Pekinese. Pedigree goes back to the time of the Ming dynasty. I tell you, ma'am, a dog like that's not to be sneezed at."

The Dog Lover: I should say not. He might catch something dreadful from a sneeze.

#### Normal.

A normal boy  
Is Willie Spratt;  
He's always asking:  
"Where's my hat?"

#### The Scenario Writer.

"You seem blue."  
"Work is scarce. All the movie stars are writing their own plays."  
"How about the case of this monkey actor?"  
"That cheers me somewhat. He can't write his own."

#### Not Enough Exits.

"Have you any complaint to make?" asked the prison visitor.  
"Yes, I have," replied the life convict. "There ain't nearly enough exits from this place."

#### Playing Safe.

Kriss—What did you have on the fifth race?  
Kross—Just a pair of borrowed field glasses.

#### "The White Man's Burden."

The Man Friday—I don't like this goatskin Prince Albert, master. It's too hot. Why do we have to wear clothes on this island?  
Robinson Crusoe—These garments are unhandsome and uncomfortable, but we must endure them. They are our badge of civilization.

#### It Usually Pleases Us.

"It is easy enough for an orator to get thunderous applause at the very beginning of his address."

"How?"  
"All he has to do is to say, 'My friends, we are a great people,' and then pause dramatically for the cheers."

#### Adds to His Revenge.

She—Father's remarks about you were very bitter.  
He—I'm glad they were, because I'm going to make him eat his words.

#### One on Uncle Sam.

Ella—Who is this E Pluribus Unum? Father—I don't know, but I don't like these men who part their names in the middle.

#### Accommodating.

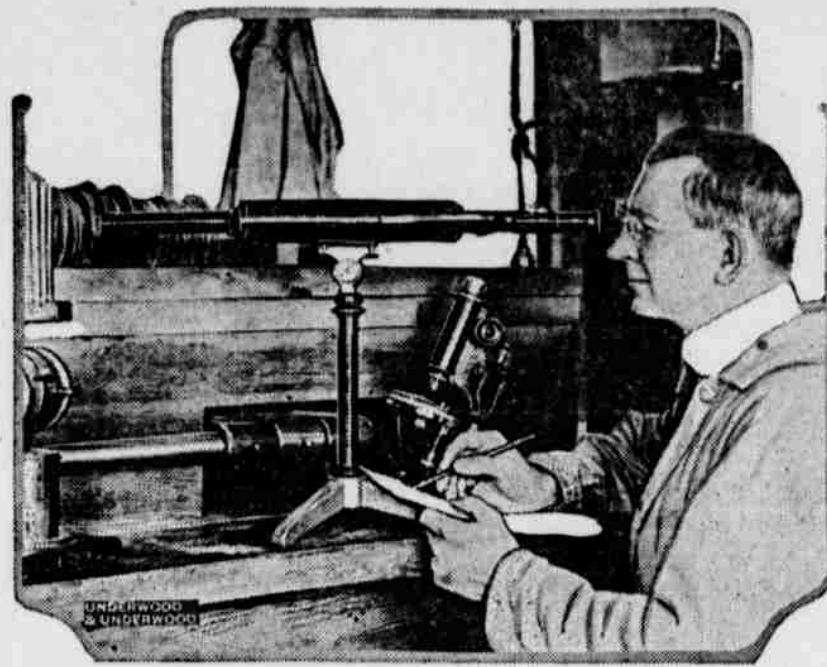
Lady—Before I take you I must know if you're engaged.  
Lena—Ma'am, do you mean if I have a feller.

Lady—Yes.  
Lena—No, ma'am, I haven't, but I can soon get one, if you like it.

#### Both Out—Calling.

He—Where were you last night?  
She—Out. I called on a newly married pair. Where were you?  
He—I was out, too. I called on a pair of nines.

## Discoverer of a New Light Ray



Edgar L. Hollingshead of Pasadena, Cal., working on the instruments with which he produces a new light ray that is said to be much more powerful than the X-ray. According to reports, the ray gives off no heat, is a powerful anesthetic agent, and is capable of producing startling changes in metals.

### SCRAPS

Most of the bees of Brazil are stingless.

Anti-pneumonia serum is obtained from the blood of horses.

Roads built so as to interfere with proper drainage create breeding places for malaria carrying mosquitoes, says United States public health service.

The biggest of all sea birds is the albatross.

Constantinople is built in the form of a triangle.

An Italian composer named Scarlatti wrote 100 operas and 3,000 cantatas.

There are thirty varieties of date palms to be found in Egypt, which country contains neither woods nor forests.

In France it is illegal for a widow's second marriage to take place before 300 days have elapsed after the death of her former husband.

With the close of the recent school term Miss Kate M. Stevens rounded out fifty years of service as a teacher in the New York city schools.

The longest period of complete and continuous insomnia authentically recorded terminated on the ninth day with the death of the victim, after horrible suffering.

An Atlantic City barber, while cutting a customer's hair, recognized a scar on his head, and discovered that he had been attending to his brother, whom he had not seen for twenty years.

Nearly 2,000 United States marines are assigned to duty on battleships.

Norway is investigating the possibilities of electrifying railways.

There were 4,590 Indians living in Oregon when the last census was taken.

A British authority maintains that continuous employment is against natural laws.

The Chinese and New Zealanders believed that red frightens evil spirits.

The Welland canal has twenty-five locks surmounting a rise of 327 feet.

The seven-masted schooner Thomas Lawson carried 43,000 feet of canvas.

Among the rosins which are most commonly used in varnish making are various natural rosins of fossil or semi-fossil origin.

Out of a total of more than 50,000,000 passengers carried by the railroads of Canada last year, only four were killed.

Rouge, used to a certain limit to add to a girl's appearance, meets with the approval of one prominent New York clergyman.

Miss Joyce Wethered, the new British golf champion, comes of a golfing family and has played regularly since she was eight years old.

A Chicago laundryman has devised a system of handling laundry without the necessity of marking the pieces. The pieces coming from one source are washed individually, each group being kept by itself from start to finish.

## DECORATED FOR SERVICE



Miss Margherita Travasolo, daughter of Frank A. Travasolo of Philadelphia, with the bronze medal of the Italian Red Cross society, just presented to her for her distinguished service during the war.

### International Diet.

Two Tommies, turned punsters, went into a restaurant over on the eastern front and said to the waiter: "We want Turkey with Greece."

The waiter replied: "Sorry, sirs, but we can't serve."

"Well, then, get the Bosphorus." The boss came in and heard their order and then said: "I don't want to Russia, but you can't Roumania." So the two Tommies went away Hungry.

—Commerce and Finance.

### Chinese Wall.

The exact length of the Chinese wall is not known—the Chinese call it the "10,000 li wall," which would mean that it was something over 3,350 miles long. Some modern authorities range, in giving its length, from 1,200 to 1,700 miles. It is from 25 to 30 feet high and about 20 feet thick at the base.

### Overheard at a Concert.

"I hate duets! And, besides, I think it's cowardly for two persons to attack one piece of music."—Boston Transcript.

### Day of Joy at Hand.

In spite of the rain that had been pelted down most of the day, Jimmy had seemed to be in unusually good spirits. When asked the cause of his beaming countenance, the youngster rattled his little bank and replied: "Daddy said I was saving my pennies for a rainy day; now it's raining an' I kin spend 'em."

### Ancient Calendars.

The Egyptian calendar was instituted about the year 2782 B. C., and the Chinese about 2637 B. C.

## 10 Cents Gives Charming New Shade to Old Lingerie

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES—dyes or tints as you wish

Speaking of well-preserved women, Lot's wife was probably the best of them.

Almost as soon as a man joins a Don't Worry club they begin making trouble for him about his dues.

A man often feels the loss of his first wife most after securing a second.

Wages of sin is death; and the salary of sin doesn't go on for a noticeably longer period.

A few people read the Declaration of Independence and tell the rest what's in it.

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